

376th AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING

MANAS AIR BASE,
KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

Manas Air Base was activated December 21, 2001, after coalition forces deployed to Manas International Airport and began supporting Operation Enduring Freedom after the terror attacks of September 11, 2001. The base continues to play an important role in the ongoing operations in Afghanistan, helping promote regional stability in Central Asia.

Mission

Manas Air Base is the primary mobility hub for Operation Enduring Freedom. The wing's around-the-clock mission includes strategic airlift operations, aerial refueling, combat airlift and airdrop, and aeromedical evacuation.

Aircraft

Coalition aircraft supporting the mission include U.S. KC-135s and C-17s, Spanish C-130s, and French C135FRs.

Personnel

The logistics base has approximately 1,200 personnel assigned, including U.S., Spanish and French forces. Additionally, the base employs more than 600 contract and local personnel to assist with day-to-day operations and to support the personnel assigned to and transiting through the base.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Manas personnel have made a difference in the lives of many Kyrgyz people through volunteerism.



The Manas Air Base Outreach Society is a private service organization that works with local charities. Outreach efforts include work with orphanages, medical facilities for children, elderly foundations, and Habitat for Humanity. Since its creation in December 2003, MABOS has invested more than 35,000 hours in the local community.

During the AEF 7/8 rotation, MABOS volunteers provided more than \$15,000 in goods or services, including major renovation projects as well as distributing two tons of donated goods.



The village partnership pairs military units with local villages to perform community service. Squadrons work closely with town mayors to identify and prioritize needs.

This rotation Airmen have logged thousands of volunteer hours.

The groups raised money for supplies and donated labor as well. Projects in the six base villages included community center renovations, construction and painting of playground equipment, refurbishment of school desks, plumbing and painting prep work, and much, more.

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Cycle 6 AEF 7/8 Summary

**May
to
September
2007**

**Manas Air Base,
Kyrgyzstan**

**Col. Harrison Smith
376 AEW Commander**

**CMSgt. Dwayne Mohr
376 AEW Command Chief**



376th Expeditionary Operations Group

As the lead KC-135 aerial refueling unit for Afghanistan operations, the AEF 7/8 rotation logged the highest operations tempo in more than four years with 883 sorties flown and more than 50 million lbs of fuel off-loaded to 3,587 U.S. and Coalition fighter, bomber and reconnaissance planes.

The wing's effort enabled 1,369 'strike,' 'show of force' and 'troops in contact' missions to be directed against the enemy this rotation. This was three times the number of events supported during the previous four months.



A KC-135 refuels an A-10 over Afghanistan.

Passenger and cargo movement remained steady with the detachment of C-17s assigned to Manas. There were 861 sorties flown that delivered 27.4 million lbs of cargo and 35,403 passengers to or from Afghanistan, as well as 72 patient movements.

Despite the high operations tempo the wing was also able to initiate about \$125K in airfield improvements to enhance flying safety, including upgrades to the Air Traffic Control tower, replacement of airfield lighting, and procurement of security cameras to increase visibility. Members have also been helping host nation controllers prepare for their Level 4 International Civil Aviation Organization certification, assisting them with their English skills and arranging for a group of controllers to visit the United States to see FAA and stateside USAF operations.



Mission First

Safety Always

376th Expeditionary Maintenance Group

The increase in flying operations was possible because of incredible aircraft generation efforts from the flightline, back shop, AGE and supply personnel. Maintenance professionals established an 87 percent KC-135 mission capable rate and 88 percent C-17 mission capable rate.

These numbers translated to unprecedented reliability rates – 97.1 percent logistics departure reliability and 99.9 percent maintenance mission effectiveness. Technicians completed 5,100 maintenance actions and inspections without any safety or personnel incidents. Simply put, the 376th AEW safely delivered gas, cargo, and passengers where and when needed.



Mxs personnel keep jets flying around the clock

376th Expeditionary Medical Group

The safety and health of the Air Force's most precious asset – the human weapon system – was entrusted to the Manas medics. In addition to having the top vaccination program in the AOR, the group provided more in-patient care (40+ days) and supported 16 aeromedical evacuations from Manas, more than ever before.

The group assisted with installation and led training on \$43M worth of equipment donated by the Department of State to three local hospitals, greatly enhancing local health care capability.



Operation Provide Hope

376th Exp Mission Support Group

Manas AB shed more of its expeditionary look with the removal of dozens of tents in line with the Manas Future Plan, a comprehensive construction blueprint moving the base toward sustainment mode. Progress was made on 38



Moving to sustainment

projects, including construction of a semi-permanent shower facility for the transient population. In conjunction with an extensive inventory check, this enabled the return of 100M tons of U.S. Army Force Provider equipment, meaning \$8.3M worth of War Reserve Materiel was able to be

reconstituted for current operations or returned to the U.S. for future contingencies or disaster relief.

In all, construction contracts totaling \$5.4M were managed during this rotation. Some project highlights included the contract award and ground breaking on a new medical facility, a new aircraft maintenance facility and construction of the 8,500 sq ft Expeditionary Theater Distribution Center warehouse. These facilities will help ensure the base remains the premier mobility hub supporting Afghanistan. More than 17,000 personnel from the U.S. and 11 other Coalition nations transited Manas during AEF 7/8. A record number of beds and meals were provided during May as the wing simultaneously supported an Air Force and Army rotation.

Security forces provided 100 hours of canine training to the host nation while POL ensured the safe transport of 24.3M gallons of fuel to aircraft and safe fuel storage by proactively changing out fuel bladders so future rotations wouldn't have to perform the work under cold weather conditions.

A more somber part of the mission, the 376th AEW rendered honors and supported the transport of nine Fallen Warriors this rotation, including a fallen Spanish soldier.